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Subject: July 29 Board Meeting - Santa Anita Fire - Emergency Mudflow Protection Measures

Following the Santa Anita Fire, we have been working closely with the City of Sierra Madre to assess, recommend and implement mudflow protection measures prior to the upcoming storm season. We have provided engineering advice to approximately 130 residents. We have identified 4 other locations that warrant construction of mudflow protection measures that provide a regional benefit (3 rail and timber structures and enlarging the existing DPW maintained Sturtevant Debris Basin) and are recommending installation using Flood Control District funds. Sturtevant Debris Basin provides only 25% of our standard level of protection. At the June 24 City Council meeting, the City unanimously approved a resolution in support of the enlargement.

At the July 29 meeting, DPW will be recommending the Board take the following actions to protect residents in the City of Sierra Madre from potential mudflow events during the upcoming storm season: 1) approve the projects and authorize Public Works staff to acquire the necessary rights of way and permits, design, and install 3 rail and timber structures at select locations in the burned watersheds. And authorize ISD to expedite all associated procurement of materials. The estimated cost of the 3 structures is \$650,000; 2) delegate authority to the Acting Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District or his designee to negotiate and execute an emergency construction contract for enlarging Sturtevant Debris Basin for a not to exceed cost of \$1.5 million and acquire the necessary rights of way and permits for the enlargement; 3) authorize the Acting Chief Engineer or his designee to submit grant applications, negotiate and execute grant agreements, and sign requests for reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, FEMA and Office of Emergency Services to secure Federal funding for these projects; and 4) find the projects are statutorily exempt from CEQA as these specific actions are necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency due to flooding and mudflows.

We have applied for permits from the various regulatory agencies (Fish & Game, Corps, and Regional Water Quality Control Board) for constructing these measures and will get their approval before initiating work.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Chris